



SPILL NOTIFICATION POINT

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RESPONSE ARRANGEMENTS

The Oil Spill & Emergency Response Department (OS&ERD) of Qatar Petroleum is the designated spill notification point for the State of Qatar. As per a resolution from the Minister of Energy & Industry, MD & Chairman of QP, all offshore spills, irrespective of their geographic location, are to be reported to Ras Abu Abboud (A7S) communication control room, operated by QP, as soon as the spill occurs.

In the event of an oil spill in Doha port, the Doha Port Management Company would be responsible for responding to the oil spill and the clean-up operation. QP OS&ERD would monitor operations. Elsewhere within the territorial limits of Qatar, the response would be provided by QP OS&ERD, as the state oil spill responder. If the spill was as a result of joint venture operations, the joint venture would be required to respond and could call on QP OS&ERD for assistance if necessary. In all cases, reliance is placed on QP and joint venture oil spill equipment resources to combat offshore spills.

QP OS&ERD would provide the On-Scene Commander (OSC) for all major spills within Qatar. The OSC has jurisdiction for both onshore and offshore operations; shore line clean-up would also be coordinated by QP OS&ERD.

QP has contingency plans for spills for all of its operations. The National Oil Spill Contingency Plan was revised and updated in 2005, but has not yet had formal approval from the Ministry of Environment.

RESPONSE POLICY

The National Contingency Plan prescribes containment and recovery as the preferred clean-up method, with provision for the use of dispersants. Dispersants may not be used in areas of shallow water, areas with poor water exchange, in the vicinity of industrial water intakes and near coral reefs and mangroves. Dispersants may be used as a first response option in designated offshore areas. In other areas, a net environment benefit analysis (NEBA) will need to be performed to determine whether or not to use dispersants. The Regional Organization for the Protection of the Marine Environment (ROPME)'s approved dispersant list must be adhered to.

All waste whether oily or non-oily must be sent to QP's Meisaeed's Waste Management Facility on a prescribed consignment note for treatment or disposal.



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COUNTRY PROFILES

A Summary of Oil Spill Response Arrangements
& Resources Worldwide

EQUIPMENT

Government & Private

QP holds a considerable amount of oil spill response equipment at Mesaieed, Ras Laffan, and Halul Island, which includes booms, vacuum skimmers, pumps, dispersant application systems etc. Supplementary resources from neighbouring Gulf States can be requested by the government of Qatar through the Marine Emergency Mutual Aid Centre (MEMAC) in Bahrain, as part of ROPME. QP and Maersk Oil Qatar are members of the regional clean sea organization (RECSO) (formerly known as GAOCSMAO) and could request additional resources from other member companies in the region. Aerial surveillance would be mounted by QP Gulf Helicopters. QP also has units for aerial spraying.

Tools, vacuum trucks and plant for shoreline clean-up could be provided by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs & Agriculture, the Armed Forces and by contractors.

PREVIOUS SPILL EXPERIENCE

Qatar gained considerable experience of major pollution following the HASBAH 6 well blow-out off Saudi Arabia (1980) and from the Nowruz oil field (1983). On both occasions, booms were used to protect water intakes and other sensitive areas. Novel shoreline clean-up methods were employed using a system of dykes and sluice gates to retain oil in man-made lagoons.

CONVENTIONS

| Prevention & Safety | | | | | Spill Response | | Compensation | | | | | | | |
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| MARPOL 73/78 | | Annexes III IV V VI | | | | OPRC '90 | OPRC -HNS | CLC '69 | CLC '76 | CLC '92 | Fund '92 | Supp Fund | HNS* | Bunker |
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* not yet in force



REGIONAL AND BILATERAL AGREEMENTS

Kuwait Convention (with countries bordering the Gulf) administered by the Regional Organisation for the Protection of the Marine Environment (ROPME), based in Kuwait.

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